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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Berthold WEDDING
TRANSMITTER AND PRECODER FOR OPTICAL MSK SIGNALS
Assignee: **ALCATEL**
Our Ref. Q77656

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 10 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	26 - 20	=	6	x	\$18.00	=	\$108.00
Independent claims	6 - 3	=	3	x	\$84.00	=	\$252.00
Base Fee							\$750.00
TOTAL FILING FEE							\$1110.00
Recordation of Assignment							\$40.00
TOTAL FEE							\$1150.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1110.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

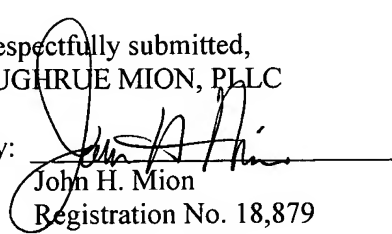
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	03290896.4	April 9, 2003
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The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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